

BOARD OF TRADE AGAIN READY TO LOCK HORNS WITH CITY COUNCIL
BOARD COMES IN WITH NEW RECOMMENDATION ON LIGHTING FRANCHISE

Wants Ordinance Framed With Ironclad Regulations.

WOULD REQUIRE A CASH REMUNERATION

Likewise Would Insist Upon a Subway System of Electric Wiring--Memorial Prepared and Sent to City Council.

The Canton board of trade held a special meeting at the office of President Dougherty Wednesday afternoon to take action upon the question of granting a franchise to the Central Heat and Power company for the erection of a lighting and heating plant in the city. This matter was taken up and thoroughly discussed and a committee was appointed and instructed to prepare a memorial to the council setting forth the views of the board of trade.

A. M. McCarty was chairman of the committee and Thursday morning the memorial was prepared and signed by Charles Schlabach, the secretary of the board. The full text of the memorial is as follows:

THE MEMORIAL.

To the Hon. City Council of the City of Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—The board of trade, of the city of Canton, Ohio, being advised that an application has been made to your honorable body, for a franchise, to build and operate an electric light and power plant in said city, are of the opinion that the same should be granted either to the company now applying or to some other responsible individual or company to the end that said city and its citizens shall have the benefit and advantage of competition in said business, but we desire most emphatically to protest against the granting of said franchise except upon proper conditions and restrictions which will insure to the city and its citizens the greatest possible benefits to be derived therefrom. To the end therefore that such benefits may be obtained, we beg to suggest that said franchises be granted only upon proper terms among which we suggest the following:

REVENUE PRODUCER.

First: That said company shall pay to said city and its citizens a proper, adequate compensation for the privileges granted under said franchise, either by paying a fixed per cent. of its income (either gross or net) as may be determined, or by reducing the price at which light and power shall be furnished, which rate shall be such substantial reduction on the present rate at which the same is furnished now in this city as to fully compensate for said privileges.

Second: That the ordinance shall regulate and prescribe that the streets, alleys and public places of the city shall be torn up only under the supervision of the city civil engineer, and that the trenches and ditches shall be dug and the wires laid therein, closed and repaved in the quickest time possible, and that the same shall be kept in repair by said company. And in this connection, we beg to suggest, that the franchise require the wires to be laid underground. That if permission be granted to erect poles in said city that the same shall be done under the supervision of the city civil engineer, and that the height of said poles be regulated in said franchise. That all damage to property either public or private shall be repaired and made good at the expense of said company and without unnecessary delay.

CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS.
Third: That all service wires shall be placed and located to meet the approval of the owners of the property

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NO FLUSHING OF STREETS FROM THE CITY MAINS

Street Commissioner Sommer Will be Refused Permission--Streets Still in Horrible Shape.

David S. Sommer, the Canton street commissioner, will not be permitted to flush the streets in order to clear them of the accumulation of filth, slush and mud which has filled all the highways for the past week. The water works department must be consulted before such a course is pursued and Superintendent Louis B. Ohliger said that the present supply was being called upon to such an extent that water could not be spared for street purposes.

Mr. Sommer cannot move in this matter on his own responsibility. He must be authorized by council and that requires the permission of the water works department. What work Mr. Sommer is doing to clear the streets is not known as he has not been seen about the city hall for some time.

STORY OF FEDERAL TELEPHONE SALE IS DENIED
EMPHATICALLY IN CLEVELAND AND IN CANTON

Cleveland Is Agitated Today Over the Stories of the Passing of the Independent Telephone Interests Into the Bell's Hands--Investors There Are Puzzled--Mr. Shields Makes a Strong Denial.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
Cleveland, Feb. 27.—Persistent rumors are still afloat in local financial circles to the effect that the negotiations are well under way for the absorption of the Federal Telephone interests by the Bell. All parties make strong denials and persons usually on the inside admit they are puzzled over the situation.

At noon it was declared in usually well-posted circles that the deal had been all but closed. This was positively denied by Mr. Coff and others, who refused to give out any statement.

"THERE is absolutely no truth in the story," said Attorney R. S. Shields this afternoon. "I was in Cleveland yesterday and have reasons to know that the story is false." Mr. Shields has in his charge the affairs of the Stark County Telephone company.

however.

The present plan of the shareholders of the Federal company is to sell the Detroit, Columbus and Dayton telephone systems and mortgage the other systems under the collateral trust scheme.

Although this is the present plan,

yet it is not so ironclad that the whole property will not be sold. Indeed, this will be done if a bid is received that will warrant a sale.

If the Bell Telephone company makes an offer flattering enough it may be taken up, notwithstanding the fact that there is a clause in the charter of the Federal company that the stock must not be sold to the Bell people.

There are some prospects that the property will be sold, and it is said that there is likely to be a fight for it between the Bell company and the independent company that is being organized in the east. The Federal property would be valuable to either and in view of this there may be some lively bidding.

At the present time there is no bid in sight for the Federal that would make a sale an object.

FORMAL TRANSFER OF THE LINES PRINCE AND THE PRESIDENT

New Officers Are Ushered In.

C.A. KOLP GETS PLUMS

President of One Company and Secretary of Two--New Directors Are Named.

The formal transfer of the Canton-Massillon electric railway lines, including the Canton and Massillon city lines, the inter-urban and Navarre lines, to the Canton and Akron company, which is backed by Tucker-Anthony, of Boston, occurred Thursday afternoon at the office of Attorney John C. Welty.

The resignations of the officers of the Canton-Massillon were tendered and accepted, including those of William A. Lynch as president, L. A. Loh-

Canton's Health Is Good, Thank You.

CANTON is absolutely free from contagious diseases. Sanitary Officer James Sell took down the last board of health card in the city this morning. This was for a diphtheria case, which is pronounced safe.

Officer Sell said that the city has been enjoying an exceptionally long period of immunity from epidemics. There has been no smallpox within the city since last summer.

shot as treasurer, and General Manager Currie.

Each company organized on a separate basis, as they are capitalized that way. Philip L. Saltonstall, of Boston, was elected president of the Canton-Massillon; Chancy Eldridge, of Boston, general manager and treasurer; Charles A. Kolp, secretary. The officers are also directors, with the following additional: J. C. Welty, A. M. Snider, J. R. Nutt and William A. Lynch.

The Lakeview Land and Improve-

Three Hundred New Homes.

CITY CLERK LOYD has been busy issuing building permits during the past few days. The break in the severe weather started a rush in the erection of residences in the different sections of the city and local contractors will have their hands full during the spring.

It is estimated that 300 new houses will be built in Canton the coming season.

Permits were issued to the following for the erection of residences: Julius Gruhn, lot 7150 Mahoning street, \$1,000; Mrs. T. S. Maddrell, lot 32 Fulton street, \$600; Michael Dillman, lot 2296 Lippert street, \$600; Joseph Neipert, lot 7345 Hammond avenue, \$500; Anthony Francis, lot 3107 Wheeler street, \$400; J. J. Whitacre, lot 6 North Market street, \$200.

FIRE AT BIECHELE WORKS
QUENCHED BY CREEK WATER

Five Thousand Dollars' Damage Done in an Early Morning Blaze--West Creek Turned Into Water Works Race as Result of Recent Decision, and Sent Through the Mains.

West creek was turned into the water works race on Thursday morning to supply the demand caused by the fire department at a fire in the Joseph Biechle Soap company's plant on South Walnut street. Shortly after five o'clock Watchman P. Noth discovered a blaze in the boiler department of the works. A special fire apparatus for the plant was immediately utilized by Noth and it was but a few minutes until he was playing a stream of water on the flames.

The blaze continued to gain headway and a telephone alarm and a box call from number 41 was turned into the fire department. Central, No. 3 and No. 6 hose companies responded but when they arrived the blaze had gotten into the soap kettles and proved

very stubborn. After two hours of hard work the fire was subdued. The blaze had been confined to the mixing department.

There was no fire about the building during the night and it is thought that the cause of the blaze was spontaneous combustion. E. Reinkendorff, manager of the plant, estimates the damage at about \$5,000. None of the stock was damaged but four kettles containing 90,000 pounds of soap were ruined. The plant is insured for about \$25,000, the insurance being distributed between 15 companies.

The use of the creek water supply by the water works on Thursday morning was the first since the decision of the supreme court on Tuesday. Supt. Ohliger said that men employed by the shoe interests have been watching the action of the water works since the injunction was granted.

Frye Apologized

To Senate for Ordering Names of Tillman and McLaurin Removed from Rolls.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
Washington, Feb. 27.—President Pro Tem. Frye of the senate this morning apologized to the body for ordering that the names of the senators from South Carolina be removed from the rolls.

He likewise apologized to the senator from Washington (Mr. Turner), for overlooking that senator's appeal from the decision of the chair and failure to put the same to the senate.

DELUGE AT INFIRMARY.

The feed pipe to the tank at the county infirmary burst Wednesday, the water deluging the laundry department. The large tank was emptied in a few moments, the water flying 20 feet high from the broken pipe. As a result there is a shortage of water at the institution. Repairs will be made at once.

They Sat Side by Side in House Gallery.

DAY IN WASHINGTON

Henry Has More Honors Heaped Upon Him--Trip to the Tomb of Washington Will Be Made This Afternoon.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
Washington, Feb. 27.—Prince Henry arrived from New York at 9 a. m. He was greeted by state department officials and at once escorted to the German embassy.

All arrangements were made early in the day to protect him amply during his trip to and from the McKinley memorial exercises in the hall of the house of representatives, and on his trip to Washington's tomb.

President Roosevelt will smash all precedents tonight by giving the prince a private dinner. Only the president, Mrs. and Miss Roosevelt, Prince Henry and the German ambassador will be present.

REMARKABLE GATHERING.

The memorial exercises in the house of representatives drew a most remarkable gathering to the galleries and floor of that great chamber today.

Hours before the time announced for the opening ceremonies, crowds began to flock at the white-domed building. The seating accommodations of the house had been doubled by the addition of hundreds of chairs. The right, or Democratic, side was reserved for the senate and diplomatic corps.

The exercises opened with prayer and the playing of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," by the Marine band.

ROSE AS ONE MAN.

Of the diplomats, Minister Wu and Lord Pauncefoot were the first to arrive. Lieutenant General Miles appeared in the center doorway at 12:02, and after being announced was conducted to his seat.

"His royal highness, Prince Henry of Prussia," cried the speaker, and the house rose as one man and the royal visitor came down the center aisle escorted by Representative Grosvenor and Senator Foraker. They were followed by Ambassador Von Hollenben. Simultaneously with the prince's arrival the Marine band struck up "Hell Dir Im Siegerkranz." Until the last strains of the national air died away the prince, statesmen, officers and "plain people" remained standing. They were finally seated again by the stroke of the speaker's gavel.

PLAYED "MY COUNTRY."

President Roosevelt and his cabinet then appeared, everyone rising as the chief executive, escorted by Senator Foraker and General Grosvenor, of Ohio, chairman of the senate and house memorial committees, came down the aisle and remained thus until "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" had been rendered. The president took a chair beside the prince, directly in front of the speaker, to the left of the center aisle. The regular program was carried out.

At the close of Secretary Hay's oration, which was loudly applauded and mats and celebrities filed out, and as a further mark of respect the house adjourned till tomorrow.

PRESENT "EM TO HENRY."

Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 27.—Louis Strouse, of this city, has two large gray eagles captured in the Cumberland mountains near Rugby, Tenn., which will be presented to Prince Henry on his arrival in this city Sunday.

UP TO SENATE

Beal Bill Has Passed the House

WITH AMENDMENTS

Liquor People Not Opposed to Measure as It Now Stands --Weak-Kneed Piece of Legislation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Columbus, Feb. 27.—The lower house of representative have gone and done it but now that they have they have begun to sit up, bat their eyes and take notice. They are beginning to wonder what the bill that they passed Wednesday, the Beal local option measure, really is and whether there has not been a good deal of bunco in the alleged fight the liquor people have been putting up against it.

The bill was under consideration about all day Wednesday. There were quite a number of speeches against it in its first form, but the talks were mostly on amendments. On the bill as a whole there seemed to be very little quarrel. The liquor men are not opposed to municipal option as seriously as they have been said to be, for it is unreasonable to suppose that if they had been putting up the kind of a fight that everybody knows they know how to put up, there would have been a better showing made than was made when it came time to vote.

What the liquor men feared most was the 25 per cent feature of the bill. So it was amended and now reads 40 per cent.

When it was stated that the proposition to make the bill read forty instead of twenty-five per cent, came from Mr. Beal, it will readily be understood that the measure, as passed, is a makeshift and not what was wanted by anybody.

Before Mr. Beal made his motion to amend, Mr. Pollock, of Stark, had offered an amendment that the per cent of voters to call a special election should be forty-five. This is said to have frightened the other side sufficiently to suggest a compromise, for Mr. Beal got in his amendment as an amendment to Mr. Pollock's amendment.

There were but 16 votes against the measure when the roll was called. Among these were Maag, of Mahoning, and Pollock, of Stark. Mr. Williams, of Mahoning, was at home sick, but would have voted for the measure had he been here.

It is now up to the senate. The liquor men, for reasons stated, did not oppose it in the house. They may have something up their sleeves yet, but probably not. The bill will doubtless pass the senate.

Pollock said this morning: "The elimination of the workhouse sentence in the Beal bill is a big victory for the liquor men. I believe the bill will pass safely."

BER. E. WILLIAMSON.

BAD STORMS ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST

Towns Are Flooded and Thousands of Acres Are Inundated.

(News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.)
San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Storms continue throughout the coast region, and the towns and country are suffering from the floods and wind. Creeks have become torrents, rivers are out of their banks. Lowlands are flooded, railway traffic is interrupted and bridges and buildings have been carried away.

The levees along the Sacramento river are giving away, and thousands of acres of bearing lands have been inundated. Much live stock has been drowned and a number of lives lost in wrecked buildings.

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